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Luke hones deployment skills

By Senior Airman
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56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Approximately 140 team Luke members assigned to Air Expeditionary Force "buckets" one and two participated Oct. 16 through 19 in a field training exercise.

The training began Oct. 16 when Luke participants and experts met at the base exercise area to set up for a two-day Ability to Survive and Operate exercise to review deployment and contingency skills.

During the morning, participants built tents and filled sandbags to prepare for the contingency exercise. After lunch participants received 20-minute classes in unexploded ordnance identification, self aid and buddy care, M-16 use and decontamination.

"It was mostly a refresher, but it is good to have it fresh in your mind before a deployment. We may not have had the training in several months," said Senior Airman Angela Witt, 56th Supply Squadron readiness training technician.

The training was not only to prepare for the two-day contingency exercise, but for AEF deployment preparation.

"This exercise is to ensure Team

Luke members who are tasked to support AEF deployments have the skills to survive in a combat situation," said Lt. Col. Ian O'Connell, 56th Support Group vice commander. "As the attack on the USS Cole shows, our folks can be in danger anytime."

The participants began the exercise by going through a deployment line. This included several briefings to pre-

pare for their simulated deployed location as well as a cultural and family care briefing.

The next step was to ensure participants were deployable. This meant ensuring shots were up to date and everyone had identification cards and other necessary paperwork.

"Because we're in the military, it's important people are always ready to

deploy," said Tech Sgt. Cory Carmichael, 56th Mission Support Squadron family support center family readiness program manager. "This means having everything in order, including financial matters and ensuring family members are ready to take over other responsibilities."

The participants then boarded a simulated C-17, or Luke bus, and headed for a simulated base somewhere in the world.

Once there, deployed members used the skills they had been reviewing over the past few days. The excitement began when an unidentified package was thrown at the front gate, followed by a simulated mortar attack. The aggressor action continued until the exercise was paused for the evening.

The next day began in Mission Oriented Protective Posture level two. A simulated attack put the base in MOPP

four. The base survived, proving it could operate in adverse deployed situations.

"We have exercises to prepare people to deploy. Though this is a lot tougher, we are providing the worst-case scenario in hopes to reinforce training and provide Team Luke the skills needed to survive," said Lt. Col. Lance Harwell, 56th Fighter Wing Plans chief.



56th Services Squadron members set up a field kitchen during Luke's Ability to Survive and Operate exercise as evaluation team members appraise their procedures.

Airman Delvin Barnes

Logistics conference improves technology, acquisition for AEFs

By Tech. Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke hosted the annual Logistics Officer Association Conference at the Phoenix Crowne Plaza Resort Sunday through Wednesday offering military organizations and civilian companies from around the world the opportunity to improve product quality in commercial and defense industries.

The theme, "Sustaining Combat Capability in the 21st Century," focused on cutting-edge technologies available to today's Expeditionary Aerospace Force.

"We are facing an unprecedented challenge to modernize our forces in a world that demands more efficient and effective acquisitions," said Dr. Jacques Gansler, Defense acquisition, technology and logistics undersecretary. "The key to this challenge is to deliver needed modern systems and support to our war fighters. Our goal is to provide the resources and processes for effective warfighting capability."

The conference featured exhibits by more than 40 companies including the Air Force Research Laboratories, Boeing, AEF Battle Lab,

Honeywell, Lockheed-Martin Aerospace, Northrop Grumman and Pratt & Whitney.

"The conference is an opportunity for logistics people from throughout the Air Force to come together and share ideas to make logistics better and improve our war fighting capabilities," said Maj. Kathryn Johnson, 944th Fighter Wing supply and transportation officer in charge. "This is a forum for Air Force senior leaders to learn the newest trends for supply management."

In addition to the exhibits, conference participants had briefings from senior military leaders about present and future combat capabilities and methods to sustain those capabilities in different theaters of operation.

"We must continuously educate and train our acquisition workforce," said Col. James Hass, Logistics Officer Association president. "Our logistics conference brings that workforce together to support that goal."

The organization began in 1989 as the Maintenance Officer Association. In 1999 the Air Force reduced barriers between logistics organizations and the MOA became the Logistics Officer Association, including officers from supply, transportation, logistics plans, contracting and munitions.

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Tech. Sgt. Michael Burns

Brig. Gen. Terry Gabreski, Air Force Installations and Logistics maintenance director and deputy chief of staff, interacts with a Pratt & Whitney virtual reality exhibit at the logistics conference.

Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's professionals a chance to

answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

Who to call:	
Fraud, waste and abuse hotline	856-6149
Base exchange	935-4652
Civil engineer customer service	856-7231
Commissary	935-3821
Patient advocate	856-9100
Legal assistance	856-6901
Law enforcement desk	856-5970
Housing office	856-7643
Military pay	856-7028
MPF customer service	856-7874

Action Line

Comment: I'm concerned there is no childcare available for evening fitness center aerobics participants. Luke is losing instructors because they have no childcare available, plus it would be nice for participants to have a place to leave their children while exercising. Is it possible to get free childcare for the aerobics instructors?

Response: Thanks for your call. While we don't offer care through our child development program which is fee-based to cover the non-appropriated fund caregivers salaries, we do offer after-hour care through our family childcare program for a fee. These providers are licensed through the base and must meet rigorous Air Force care standards. We have seven homes which accept children 6 weeks old through 12 years of age for after-hours care. For more information, call Lisa Weathers, Luke family childcare program coordinator, at 856-7472.



e-mail:
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856-7011

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training		
	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	2,362	39,376
Flying hours	3,224	51,687
Pilot graduates	40	1,001
MRA graduates	58	937

Luke people deployed:
AEF 7/8: 3 AEF 9/10: 67
Others: 28

Leaders must communicate

By Lt. Col. Christopher P. Bisgrove
309th Fighter Squadron Commander

We're blessed with great people in the U. S. armed forces. They volunteer to further our mission in the defense of this great country. Given that great team members have proper tools and want to do the right thing, how is it that we sometimes fall short of our expectations?

One answer is communication. For your very best team members, communication shortcomings are rarely an obstacle. Self-motivated team players research and re-attack until they know leadership strategies and goals. They don't wait for trickle-down information. Nurture these troops. They are your very best.

Others "think" they know leadership intentions or are unaware they exist. They are indeed happy to oblige but require direction via effective communication.

Communication is at its best when people sit across from one another, look into each other's eyes and express desires and concerns through verbal and nonverbal means. The expressions your discussion precipitates lets you know if your message hits its mark.

Risk is rampant in all other communication forms, not unlike the telephone game we played as children. Our message is most pristine the first time it's delivered and will naturally lose fidelity with each waterfall iteration.

Unfortunately, one-on-one is not always feasible. We can't always meet to field questions and see faces, especially in larger dynamic organizations.

Poor communication happens via means such as bulletin boards. Intended recipients may never even see your message. If they are fortunate enough to find your message, they still can't assess your mood, sincerity,

conviction or sense of urgency. Rarely is someone available to answer questions on this information.

E-mail is only one notch better. It is a directed data transfer medium at best. Although it gives addressees the convenience of a reply button to ask targeted questions, the very important elements of hearing each other's words and seeing each other's faces is still lacking.

So what is the compromise between bulletin boards and one-on-one contact? Here's my 2 cents:

Establish priorities. Communicate them at every opportunity. Confronted with a tough decision, team members can bank on leadership priorities. Don't call everything a high priority. That only makes everything the same priority, and we do nothing to further our mission from a guidance perspective.

Avoid changing priorities. It becomes a pitfall of reactionary leadership. Instead, link priorities to enduring goals rather than the weekly crisis. If we agree our biggest leadership challenge is communication, consider the pitfalls of several messages in various states of maturity floating throughout the organization. Ever wonder why our wing and squadron commanders work so hard to arrange regular commanders' calls? They understand the importance of hearing directly from the boss and having a chance to ask questions when things are anything but crystal clear.

Start with yourself. When things go wrong, look to the mirror first for the guilty culprit. Did your team hear your words and see your face? Did they hear someone else's interpretation or did they read it and interpret for themselves? If the answer to the first question is no, you took a risk in your own telephone game, perhaps even a calculated risk, ... and lost.

Getting out?

Consider options before separating

By Senior Airman
Michael Halbrook
Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

I recently spoke at a seminar designed to remind first- and second-term airmen who are close to re-enlisting about benefits they'll lose if they decide to leave the service.

As people entered, I remembered feelings I had when I first considered leaving the Air Force. Everyone asked, "Are you sure this is what you want?" and "Think of your benefits." Like many airmen, I didn't want to hear it — I was getting out. I separated in May 1999.

Many asked me why, but I really didn't have a definite answer. I guess I thought the grass was greener on the other side. I came up with a million excuses back then, but today I see that none of them were really valid. I learned some very hard and valuable lessons. I also found the Air Force job I had wasn't that bad.

I started looking for a civilian job eight months before my separation date, but nothing panned out. I used every means I had, including every online resume Web site.

So with no job, my wife Stacey and I moved back home to Florida and settled in with my parents. It wasn't a bad experience, but going back to live with your parents is something you really don't want to do.

My wife is a travel agent and found a job right away, but it paid only half of what she made during my last Air Force assignment. I

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Senior Airman Michael Halbrook
Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

continued searching for the right job. I finally had to take what I could and accepted a sales position at a radio station. Not a bad job, but if you don't sell, you don't get paid.

In July my uncle suggested I go to Georgia to look for a job, so Stacey and I loaded up our car again. Like before, Stacey found something right away that paid excellent money, so we were able to get an apartment. I, on the other hand, just about lived at the local labor department. In desperation, I started dropping off resumes at local department stores along with any leads I got from the labor office.

When the phone finally rang, it was not the job I had hoped for, but we needed the money. So I went for an interview and was hired on the spot. That's how, after four years in the Air Force installing high-tech, complex computer systems for the North American Aerospace Defense Command at Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colo., I ended up stocking shelves at a discount store.

I'm not putting this job down, but I thought I'd find something better. I worked like a dog for four

months unloading boxes, helping with inventory and working late nights and extra hours to make ends meet.

The real turning point came when Stacey and I had about \$34 left to last two weeks. If not for our families, I don't know what we would have done. I knew then getting out of the Air Force had been a

terrible decision. I hadn't looked at the big picture or how this decision would affect my wife.

The next day I called my local recruiter, and that's why I'm telling my story today.

I have three points of advice for anyone thinking of getting out: First, start saving now, just in case you end up like me.

Second, think of your family. Now they have insurance and so do you. It gets real expensive on the outside, and most of the time, it takes awhile before benefits kick in. Finally and most importantly, get all the education you can and get that degree — it's the most valuable piece of paper you will ever receive.

I didn't come back into the Air Force just for the money, but having a job with security is an awesome feeling. I also missed wearing the Air Force uniform and all the perks that come with it.

This is not a feel-sorry-for-me story. I just want to let others know things are different on the outside.

Many people have asked if I'm in for good this time. I just smile back and say, "for the full 20!"

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Safety team helps recover dropped BDU

By Tech. Sgt. George F. Jozens
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Team Luke sent airmen to El Mirage Tuesday to recover a practice bomb inadvertently dropped from a Navy F-18 Hornet Monday night.

Luke explosive ordnance disposal and safety personnel, in cooperation with El Mirage Department of Public Safety, removed a Navy BDU-48 practice munition Tuesday at about 10 a.m. from a truck repair yard in El Mirage, Ariz.

No one was injured and no property damage occurred. The practice munition was inadvertently dropped due to a mechanical malfunction by the F-18 assigned to Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif. The aircraft, on temporary duty at Luke, supports the 62nd, 63rd and 310 fighter squadron student syllabus training.

"Our safety procedures ensure we limit overflight of inhabited or built-up areas to the maximum extent possible," said Col. Ed Kasl, 56th Fighter Wing vice commander. "Our procedures during this incident illustrate Luke's concern for the community. Safety is an integral part of all of our training, to include off-station units supporting Luke's mission such as the Navy."

The practice bomb was found embedded in the ground in a truck repair yard near Grand and Thunderbird avenues Tuesday at about 8:30 a.m. Luke responded to the business at about 9:30 a.m. and recovered the munition.

"We are grateful no injuries occurred," Kasl said. "This incident underscores our position on flight safety and the ever increasing population around Luke."

The BDU-48 fell from the F-18 while returning from a practice mission over Goldwater Range. F-18s routinely drop BDU-48s on targets at the range in southwestern Arizona in support of training exercises with the U.S. Air Force.

"The Navy unit supporting our operations received and followed published procedures at the time the pilot noted he had a hung ordnance," Kasl said. "The aircraft followed a dry wash that traverses to Luke from the north. Unfortunately, the hanging practice munition dislodged



Tech. Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Tech. Sgt. Kenny Wessels, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, inspects the BDU-43 practice munition, which inadvertently dropped Monday from a Navy F-18 Hornet. The BDU-43 was retrieved from a salvage repair yard near Grand and Thunderbird avenues in El Mirage, Ariz.

from its release rack before the aircraft again reached an uninhabited area."

The BDU-48 is a blue-colored, 10-pound, high-drag, inert practice munition about 23 inches long and 4 inches in diameter. It is blunt-nosed with four fins attached to the rear of the cylinder. It contains a small charge that emits a bright white smoke cloud when it impacts the ground so range officials can score its accuracy.

The cause of the incident is under Naval investigation.

Thunderbolts receive outstanding on first wing climate assessment

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Clayton Tredway
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Team Luke garnered an overall outstanding rating during its first-ever wingwide climate assessment. Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, requested the 56th Military Equal Opportunity Office conduct an independent, human relations survey developed by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute.

The institute constructed the survey and analyzed the results to give commanders the tools they need to assess the most current equal opportunity and organizational effectiveness climates in their units. This data allows commanders and first sergeants to refine and strengthen areas under their control.

More than 2,800 military members and nearly 500 civilians completed the survey during the first two weeks of September and rated Luke's human relations environment better than the other Air Force wings' and all other services organizations' averages in every category measured.

Luke's scores imply there is a high chance Thunderbolts live and work in a very healthy environment.

Furthermore, there is little chance of sexual harassment, discrimination, racist or sexist behavior or differential command behavior toward any individual or group, including minorities, occurring on the base.

"The survey gives commanders a snapshot of our overall wing and squadron climates at Luke," said Ronald Goodwyn, 56th MEO director. "We did great; however, we now have an excellent roadmap to refine our environment and make it even better for all Thunderbolts to work and play."

The way Luke gets there is through continuing education and leadership, Goodwyn said. That's why first-term airmen receive five hours of human relations training. Additionally, when people change duty stations, they receive another hour of training. Commanders at all units can hone specific leadership techniques based on this objective feedback.

"Commanders now have specific feedback they can use to improve the performance of their squadrons," Goodwyn said. "The report shows we're doing the right things the right way, but we can't let our guard down. We must continue to improve our wing climate through education, individual responsibility and command leadership."

Thunderbolt Instructor Pilot of the Week

Name: Capt. Christopher "Axe" Kott, 21st Fighter Squadron instructor pilot
Hometown: Fort Washington, Md.

Years in service: 10

Family: Wife, Anne Marie; step son, Kevin, 6; and a baby due in January

Education: Bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Previous assignments: Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Vance Air Force Base, Okla.; and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Goals: To be the best husband and father I can be, get at least 2000 F-16 hours, become a better guitar player and continue to champion the causes of love and common sense.

Greatest feat: Personal — Marrying the woman of my dreams! Professional — Becoming an F-16 instructor pilot.

Commander's comments: "Axe is a world-class fighter pilot and instructor who plays to win," said Lt. Col. Walter Grace, 21st FS commander. "He excels at everything he touches. The Gamblers are lucky to have him."



Kott

News Briefs

Finance office closure

The finance office is closed today due to a 56th Comptrollers Squadron down day.

MPF closure

The military personnel flight closes today at 3 p.m. for a 56th Mission Support Squadron commander's call. However, the MPF customer service area that issues identification and DEERS enrollment is open, but with minimal manning. For more information, call 856-7832 or 856-7876.

Retiree Appreciation Day

Retiree Appreciation Day is Saturday at Luke for retirees and their spouses from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning at the NCO club. Retirees can receive tours, register vehicles, learn about base services and other things. For more information, call the Retiree Activities Office at 856-3923.

Trick or Treat hours

Children can Trick or Treat in base housing Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, turn to Page 15 of the "Tallyho."

Volunteer nominations, luncheon

Glendale hosts an annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Nov. 21 at the enlisted club to recognize Luke people for their contributions to the community. Squadron commanders and first sergeants who would like to recognize their troops, should pick up a form and return it to the public affairs office by Nov. 3. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jeremy Tredway at 856-5853.

61st FS change of command

Lt. Col. Mike Carter relinquishes command of the 61st Fighter Squadron to Lt. Col. Randy Lane in a change-of-command ceremony Nov. 6 at 8 a.m. at Hangar 914. A reception follows.

607th ACS change of command

Lt. Col. Steve Doss relinquishes command of the 607th Air Control Squadron to Lt. Col. Paul Smiley in a change-of-command ceremony Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the 607th ACS compound. A reception follows.

Education office closure

The education services flight offers limited services Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. due to a Community College of the Air Force graduation.

CCAF graduation

A Community College of the Air Force graduation is Nov. 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the NCO club. 56th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Isakson is the guest speaker. For more information, call Catherine Humphrey at 856-7725.

Civilian employee benefits fair

A health benefits fair for civilian employees is Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the 56th Mission Support Center third-floor atrium. Open season is from Nov. 13 to Dec. 11. To change benefits during this time, call (800) 997-2378.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Barry Lewis, 62nd Fighter Squadron, is Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. at 62nd FS maintenance Hangar 431.

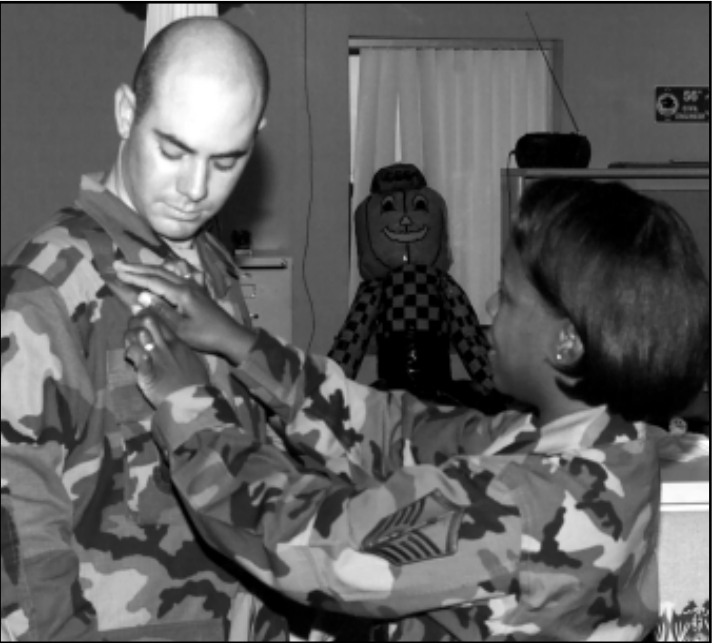
Combat arms range off limits

The combat arms range at Bldg. 909 and the grenade launcher training area at Luke auxiliary field are off limits due to live fire training. For more information about firing ranges, call Staff Sgt. Frank Bettencourt at 856-6678.

Official travel

Defense Department employees on official travel and needing airline tickets are required to use the commercial travel office in Bldg. 1150, Room 1122-A. DOD members who arrange travel through a noncontract travel office are not authorized to receive reimbursement on their travel voucher. SATO's hours are weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A stand-by person can be reached after-duty hours through the command post. For more information, visit CTO or call 856-7035.

Painting the town red ...



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Master Sgt. Heather Williams, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant, pins a red ribbon on Senior Airman Michael Spatharos, 56th CES. Red Ribbon Week runs until Saturday to promote drug awareness, education and prevention activities. The week-long observance is designed to educate and increase awareness about alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, violence and prevention efforts. The Air Force 2000 theme is "Lead by Example." During this time, the Luke Alliance Against Drugs planned many base and community activities, including a Luke School poster and essay contest. Entries can be viewed at the 56th Mission Support Center building third-floor atrium until Tuesday.

AF hones officer assignments

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) — Officers and their commanders have more choices in the assignment process when an enhanced Preference Worksheet hits the field Wednesday.

The Preference Worksheet, available via the Air Force Assignment System, is the key document used by officers and their commanders to state preferences and recommendations for an officer's next assignment.

"Although the worksheet layout has changed, the spirit and intent remain the same," said Lt. Col. Mike Gamble, Assignment Programs and Procedures Division chief. "We still want officers to use their PW as a tool for strategic planning, not as a last minute reaction to being notified they're vulnerable for an assignment."

The worksheet includes three more slots to list duty preferences and five more for location preferences.

The increase slots comes from the addition of a Career Broadening Preference Section.

"For officers in many career fields, working outside their Air Force specialty code is not a matter of 'if,' but 'when,'" Gamble said.

The new section allows officers to identify their CB preferences and the drop down menus list all Career Broadening AFSCs, very helpful to those who aren't as well versed on the opportunities out there.

Creating separate sections for listing CONUS and overseas locations increases the number of location preferences from five to 10.

Worksheets are used to match officers to assign-

ments based on Air Force needs, officer professional development and officers' personal preferences. Recommendations made should fully consider each officer's stage of professional development, while clearly expressing an officer's needs and desires.

"I'd recommend an officer try to get with his or her commander sometime around the one-year-on-station point, discuss officer professional development and fol-

low-up with a PW," Gamble said. "If that worksheet is well-crafted and strategic in nature, it should require few, if any, changes when the officer actually becomes vulnerable."

"People wishing to complete a PW Wednesday must use the enhanced format," Gamble said. "Additionally, people wishing to make changes to a PW they already have, must

redo the form. If an old form was on record with AFPC, the data will still be available in a 'read-only' format until an enhanced format PW is completed. If an officer's old form accurately reflects their desires, they're not required to redo the form. We do, however, encourage officers to update their PW to the enhanced format as soon as it's practical to take full advantage of the additional choices available."

The enhancements are a result of recommendations from a broad range of officers participating in the Air Force Assignment System Review in February.

For more information on the Air Force Assignment System or the Preference Worksheet go to: <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afas/afas-main1.htm>

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Lt. Col. Mike Gamble

Assignment Programs and Procedures
Division chief

Court-martials: Luke trials yield confinement

By 2nd Lt. Jeff Carney
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Luke technical sergeant pleaded guilty Oct. 12 to committing an indecent act with a child under the age of 16 at his general court martial.

Lupe Barela, 63rd Fighter Squadron flightline expeditor, with almost 18 years time in service was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, 12 months confinement and reduction to senior airman.

"Everybody loses in a case like this. The victim will be scarred for life, and the family is torn apart," said Capt. James Richards, chief of military justice and trial counsel. "An Air Force career is ended, and the Air Force loses what had been a valued member."

Barela committed the offense Aug. 2 at his home in El Mirage and asked the victim not to tell

anyone. She informed an adult later that same night. Barela told a co-worker the following day who sent him to the Area Defense Counsel and then notified their commander.

"It is very disappointing that a young man with a stellar career has ruined his family and future over such poor judgment," said Master Sgt. Terri Neil, 63rd FS first sergeant.

Barela could give no explanation as to why he committed this act and has no prior history of such behavior.

"Of all offenses, sexually abusing a child is one of the most serious. The verdict of the court-martial sends a clear message that child sexual abuse is a very serious offense and completely incompatible with continued military service. Offenders will be dealt with harshly," Richards said.

By 2nd Lt. Jeff Carney
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Luke airman assigned to the 62nd Fighter Squadron pleaded guilty Oct. 13 in a special court martial for driving under the influence of alcohol and dereliction of duty.

The airman was charged with two offenses stemming from the same alcohol-related incident, after he was pulled over for driving while intoxicated to his dormitory Aug. 25 from the NCO club.

As punishment, he received 30 days confinement, a reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of \$670 pay for two months.

The 62nd FS airman had two other airmen under age 21 in his dorm room that night and provided them with alcoholic beverages. All three of them left his room for the NCO club where he purchased alcohol for them again.

When he and the two airmen left the club, he was pulled over by base security forces and was given a field sobriety test which he failed. When he was taken to

security forces headquarters, he was given the breathalyzer test and had a blood-alcohol content of more than three times the Arizona legal limit of .08.

"We have seen a rise in alcohol-related offenses on base in recent months. As a result, this issue has become a high-profile item for commanders," said Capt. James Richards, chief of military justice. "This court-martial and sentence sends a clear message that underage drinking and driving while intoxicated will not be tolerated at Luke."

The airman initially confessed to driving under the influence of alcohol but didn't admit to providing alcohol for the two airmen. However, the other two airmen claimed he was the person who provided them with alcohol, and he later pleaded guilty to that offense as well.

The two other airmen also received Article 15s as punishment for drinking while being under the legal age.

The 62nd FS airman also had two prior alcohol-related offenses while stationed at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: Tech. Sgt. Chad Ward, 56th Operations Group loading standardization crew member
Years in service: 14
Family: Wife, Stephanie; son, Brad, 9; and dog, Lady Ann
Education: Working on my college degree
Previous assignments: Hurlburt Field Air Force Base, Fla.
Inspirations: My wife of 12 years
Greatest feat: Serving in Operation Just Cause; Operation Desert Shield and Storm; and Deny Flight
Goals: To always provide for my family and to achieve a successful military career
Famous last words: Let's call it a day!
Bad habits: Too many to name
Off duty: Softball, fishing, camping and barbecuing with friends
Commander's comments: "Tech. Sgt. Ward is arguably the hardest working weapons loader in the wing," said Lt. Col. Robin Rand, 56th OG deputy commander. "He is key to the outstanding load crews produced at Luke both for our local training missions and to support munitions loading requirements worldwide. He is the type of NCO to take the Air Force forward to continued excellence."



Ward

Luke's Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

Name: Staff Sgt. Chapelle McEntire, 56th Fighter Wing Command and Control controller
Hometown: Chandler, Ariz.
Years in service: Nine
Family: Son, Jeremy Hunter, 7
Education: Working toward my degree in emergency management
Previous assignments: Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Langley Air Force Base, Va.; and Ramstein Air Base, Germany
Inspirations: My son is my inspiration in that I need to set good examples for him to follow.
Goals: To complete my degree and go to work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency
Greatest feat: My greatest feat is still a work in progress. I'm trying to raise a wonderful little boy and help him to be a good man.
Famous last words: When asked how I am doing, I respond with, "surviving."
Hobbies: Helping teach at my son's school, reading romance novels and just relaxing
Commander's comments: "Staff Sgt. McEntire is an aggressive controller who is pushing herself to become a command and control expert as she funnels critical information to the leadership of this wing," Sargeant said. "Her attitude is outstanding ... contagious!"



McEntire



Adopt-a-Family aids Luke airmen during holidays

More than 200 families are up for adoption this holiday season as Team Luke’s annual adopt-a-family program kicks off.

Luke families can be adopted by squadrons, various organizations, another family or even a group of friends or anyone who is willing to sacrifice a little money and time to make someone else’s holiday a little easier and brighter, said Master Sgt. Dorthea DiGeronimo, 56th Comptroller Squadron first sergeant and program coordinator.

When someone adopts a family they agree to ensure their family receives a complete Christmas meal. This can be in the form of money or a gift certificate from a local store. In addition, each child in the family receives a toy.

The 56th Fighter Wing Angel Tree in the main exchange lobby allows people who cannot adopt an entire family the opportunity to participate as well. Cards indicating a child’s age, gender and gift wish can be taken from the tree. A box is provided near the tree for drop off so items can be wrapped before they are distributed.

“This holiday season members of the OWC (officers wives club) have volunteered their time to assist with the coordination of the Angel Tree” DiGeronimo said. “Their time and effort is greatly appreciated with this growing program.”

People can adopt a Team Luke family at the fighter wing headquarters building via Staff Sgt. Keith Brown at 856-5835 starting Wednesday through Dec. 1. For more information on the annual program, call DiGeronimo at 856-3875 or squadron first sergeants.

All adopted families’ gifts and money must be turned in Dec. 11 and 12 so families can receive their packages by Dec. 14 and 15.

The squadron first sergeants’ and company grade officers’ council members are also assisting with the drive. They are helping with the collection and distribution of the families’ gifts. *(Courtesy of the Luke First Sergeants Council)*

Luke’s Finest

Each month the Luke Chief’s Group chooses an airman who goes above and beyond as Luke’s Finest.

Name: Airman 1st Class Kelly Shovlin, 56th Comptroller Squadron customer support technician

Hometown: Buffalo, N.Y.

Years in service: 1.5 years

Family: Mom, Dad, Jim and Mike

Education: A bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Buffalo, N.Y.

Inspirations: My parents


Greatest feat: Managing work and school

Goals: To obtain a master’s degree in business administration

Self-description: I always try to put my best foot forward.

Famous last words: “Never say never!”

Commander’s comments: “Airman 1st Class Shovlin is an outstanding airman and well-deserving of the Chief’s Group recognition,” said Lt. Col. Michael Shaw, 56th CPTS commander. “She is a superstar in the financial services support branch, a true leader and someone I can count on when I need the job done right.”



Shovlin

Bahrain, Qatar go to THREATCON Delta

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — U.S. Central Command officials declared Threat Condition Delta, the highest threat level, Oct. 24 in Bahrain and Qatar, said Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. Craig Quigley.

The entire command’s area of responsibility went to THREATCON Charlie after the Oct. 12 attack on the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen. Based on a recent threat assessment, Quigley said, military leaders raised the threat level in Bahrain, where about 1,100 U.S. service members are stationed, and in Qatar, where fewer than 50 U.S. service members tend prepositioned equipment.

“Given the circumstances, the recent attack on the Cole and the generally higher level of threat throughout the region, we thought it was simply the prudent thing to do. ...,” Quigley said.

The threat condition throughout the rest of Central Command, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Turkey, remains at THREATCON Charlie. The last time CENTCOM went to THREATCON Delta, was following the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania, Africa.

Overall, Quigley said, the threat against U.S. interests overseas has increased during the past 10 to 20 years.

“We are not universally welcomed in a lot of places overseas, and forces there have shown their objections to U.S. military presence in a variety of ways, unfortunately, some of them very violent,” he said.

The attack on the Cole has heightened awareness throughout the armed forces, Quigley said.

“I would suggest that probably every base’s security manager, commanding officer (and) security forces takes a hard look at procedures in place, and say, ‘Are we still OK?’ ... Is (there) something we should perhaps change?”

THREATCON Delta is normally declared as a localized warning when a terrorist attack has occurred or intelligence indicates likely terrorist action against a specific location. It requires commanders to implement mandatory security measures tailored to the local scenario, and it authorizes and encourages them to supplement the mandatory measures as they see fit, based on their knowledge of the local area, Quigley said.

High school educators learn about Luke, AF

By 1st Lt. Miki Kristina Krejcarek
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 30 educators from across the West Valley visited Luke for the “Distinguished Educator Orientation Day” Oct. 18 to learn about the base and Air Force opportunities available for high school students after graduation.

The educators received a mission briefing by Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, and tours of the 310th Fighter Squadron, F-16 aircraft, 56th Component Repair Squadron propulsion shop and dormitories.

The purpose of the orientation was to inform educators on what the Air Force has to offer as students

begin making career and job decisions about their futures.

“I know there are students out there looking for opportunities, and they may not know what some of those opportunities are today,” Sargeant said. “For some of them, joining the armed forces may offer something that might help them launch their careers and gain experience.”

During his talk, Sargeant touched on available scholarships, officer and enlisted career paths, Air Force careers specialties and educational opportunities.

“Working together with you (educators), I think we can offer your students opportunities, or at least open their minds to the many opportunities out there,” Sargeant said. “What we’re trying to do is give your students a little bit more exposure to help them make choices down the road.”

Judy Lawson, Goldwater High School guidance counselor and first-time Luke visitor, said she was excited to take back to her students what she learned about the Air Force.

“There is so much that the military has to offer students. It provides career explorations, ideas for careers and employment, and educational opportunities,” she said.

The educator orientation was a preview to the new “Falcon Orientation Day” aimed to introduce high school students to the Air Force, the base, and to give them the opportunity to shadow Luke airmen. It also provides an introduction to the hundreds of job opportunities available in the Air Force and in the civilian work force. Tours begin in mid-November.

Airman’s manual

Team Luke uses new deployment tool during exercise

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Airman participating in the recent contingency exercise had a new tool, the “Airman’s Manual.”

Air Force Manual 10-100, better known as the Airman’s Manual, was published Aug. 1999 and distributed throughout the Air Force shortly thereafter.

The manual is divided into several sections, including deploying, set up, fight, survive and notes, which has almost everything the first-time deployers need to know.

“The ‘Airman’s Manual’ has been very helpful,” said Airman Allen McDaniel, 56th Fighter Wing Chapel services, who was on his first exercise. “I had to study it to know what to do in different situations. It’s also a good reference.”

Not only is the manual useful for new airman, but for seasoned ones as well.

“We’ve looked up several things including MOPP (mission oriented protective posture) levels, flag and siren meanings and M-16 information,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brian Bell. “It’s hard to remember everything.”

The exercise also encouraged people to use their manual. During the training, instructors referred to pages students could study and use as a reference.

“The exercise covered everything in the ‘Airman’s Manual,’” said Lt. Col. Willis Harwell, 56th Fighter wing plans chief. “If you look through it, we are reinforcing all of these skills.”

The manual also had test questions at the end of each section. This allows airmen to study and test themselves before they enter a combat situation.

“There are some things you want to know before you enter a combat situation,” said Tech Sgt. George Jozens, exercise evaluation team member. “Everyone should at least be familiar with the manual and the skills needed to survive. You don’t want to be looking up self-aid and buddy care procedures when your buddy needs your help.”



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Senior Airman Charles Adams, 56th Comptroller Squadron, reads his “Airman’s Manual” during the recent deployment exercise. The manual contains a variety of deployment information.

AF focuses on domestic violence prevention

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFPN) — The leading cause of injury to women in the United States between the age of 15 and 44 is domestic violence, according to the FBI.

Statistics show domestic violence causes more injuries than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined. The military community is not immune to the problem. During fiscal year 1999, there were more than 12,000 substantiated reports of domestic violence within the armed forces, and women weren't the only ones suffering from it. Men were also victims, but in smaller numbers, accord-

ing to an FBI domestic violence pamphlet.

However, physical abuse is only one side of domestic violence, said a family advocacy spokesperson at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.

There is economic abuse, which is the control of finances; emotional abuse, including threatening children and pets; and sexual abuse, forcing someone to perform sexual acts they don't want to do. These are all part of family violence, the spokesperson said.

"Domestic violence is a lot like a disease," said Mollye Cash, 14th Medical

Group family advocacy intervention specialist. "Prevention through education is the key to stopping family violence. It's much easier to prevent a disease than to cure one."

The Air Force offers many programs to teach people ways to communicate and to give them the tools they need to solve problems without resorting to violence, added Cash. While education prevents the violence from starting, it doesn't break the cycle of domestic violence once it has started.

Both abusers and victims can be treated by therapy, but sometimes they

physically need to be separated, Cash said. This is where the safety plan pays big dividends. It's a plan someone uses to escape to safety when they are in danger, whether it is at a church, shelter or a friend's or relative's home.

"There are three things we want the victims to know — they're not alone, they're not to blame, and there is help available. No one deserves to be abused," Cash said.

Victims of domestic violence, contact the family advocacy office at 856-3417 or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233.

Olympic visit ...



Airman 1st Class Delvin Barnes

Capt. David Bottomlee, 63rd Fighter Squadron instructor pilot, shows Brian Ketola, Special Olympics athlete, the simulator during a Luke tour. Bottomlee and the 63rd FS sponsored approximately 50 local Special Olympic athletes and volunteers for a base and fighter squadron tour. The tour included an F-16 static display, simulators and lunch at the officers' club. At the end of the tour, athletes received simulator flying certificates.

Air Force seeks AFI comments

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force is launching a two-week pilot program that could revolutionize the way Air Force instructions are written. Two Air Force instructions will be opened for public comment Monday, to people with a “dot mil” computer address.

The pilot program, which runs through Nov. 10, “gives Air Force people, regardless of rank, some control over how instructions are written,” said Carolyn Watkins, Air Force departmental publishing office director.

AFI 36-2134, Air Force Duty Station Program, and 33-360, Vol. 1, Publication Management, are available at <http://afpubs.hq.af.mil>, which is equipped with a Web-based collaborative authoring tool allowing Air Force people 14 days to offer comments and suggestions.

“We’re looking for quality input that will help clarify existing instructions, not recommendations for changing the rules,” Watkins said. “I would recommend using old copies of Air Force regulations as guidance for providing feedback.”

The program is an initiative from the recruiting and retention summit last January that identified a lack of comprehensive guidance as having a negative impact on retention.

According to Watkins, the vague wording of current AFIs is the result of an effort in the early 1990s to streamline the volumes of cumbersome detail in Air Force regulations.

“We learned from the retention summit that information published in Air Force instructions was not robust enough for the military member to understand what he could or could not do,” Watkins said. “That was causing a great amount of discontent which flowed from people in the service to those considering joining the service.”

The pilot program will determine if using the Internet is a viable and effective option for re-writing AFIs.

Defense Dept. analyzes public education system

By Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
USA American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Department of Defense’s new Educational Opportunities Directorate hopes to provide for “quality education” of all 870,000 children in the military family — not just the 110,000 who attend DOD schools.

“Our concern was that at any given time, we really weren’t reaching all of our children,” said Victor Vasquez, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy. “Overall, we do very well for the children that are in our system, but we don’t have them there all the time.”

Vasquez stressed civilian schools do provide a quality education, but added “military children have other issues that they bring to the table.”

He said the purpose of the new directorate is to “facilitate, advocate and support” open communications between DOD and local school systems. “What I see taking place down the road is a sharing and cross-fertilization of best practices.”

In September, more than 100 state and local education experts, teachers, military parents and students, and DOD officials attended a regional roundtable in San Antonio. Officials have scheduled a series of six more regional roundtable discussions over the next two years.

Future roundtable discussions will be in Savannah, Ga., San Diego, the Virginia Tidewater region, Seattle and a Midwestern site to be determined. Officials targeted areas with a high

concentration of military bases.

Vasquez said the Texas officials were receptive to opening a dialogue with DOD, and they even pledged to start looking into a few issues that are particularly vexing to military families constantly on the move.

Some issues discussed at the Texas meeting were:

Reciprocity of standardized test scores. A student may get tested in one state, then move to another state and get tested again. “Will there be reciprocity for that process, or do our children spend their entire school careers being tested?” Vasquez said.

Standardization of transcripts. “We want young people to know that if they get a grade in one school, it’ll be similar to what’s accepted in another school,” he said.

Continuity of extracurricular activities. “When young people are in transition, how can they continue an extracurricular activity from one school to another without being left out because they missed a tryout or because they missed a sign-up deadline?” he said.

“It was clear to me as I listened to this dialogue that they have worked with military children long enough to know that there are issues children from an average civilian community don’t deal with,” he said, adding that cooperation could do more than just help military children.

“Ultimately our goal is to build an education system that all will benefit from,” he said. “In the long run, it will serve our nation better.”

Beware

Loan scams target Air Force people

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force members recently have become the targets of money lending scams operating out of Canada, according to Federal Trade Commission officials.

These scams, in the form of classified ads in military newspapers, advertise guaranteed loans, regardless of income or credit history, and charge a significant upfront fee before the loan can be processed — a practice which is illegal, said Donna Miles, Office of Consumer and Business Education.

Legitimate lenders don’t require upfront payments before extending credit and they don’t promise loans in their ads, Miles said.

People who do respond to the toll-free number in these ads are instructed to send a money order along with their loan application, she said.

“Most of these (people) don’t realize they are calling and writing to Canada,” she said. “The scam artists use toll-free numbers and typically have their mail routed through one or more U.S.-based mail drops.”

These “loan agents” have no loans to offer, Miles said. They cash the money orders they receive and destroy the paperwork or use it to further the scam.

“In some cases, (the scam artists) use the information to commit identity theft,” she warns. They access the person’s credit cards or open accounts in their names without the consumer’s permission or knowledge by using the information included as part of the loan application such as Social Security number, date of birth and other personal data.

The Federal Trade Commission cautions consumers to be aware of certain slogans that often identify a deceptive ad.

These slogans include:

- ♦ Credit problems? No problem
- ♦ No credit? No income? No problem
- ♦ \$100 to \$10,000 with just your signature
- ♦ Loans guaranteed regardless of poor credit history or low income

Air Force members are also reminded that if the offer, promotion, payoff or benefit sounds too good to be true, then it most likely is, officials said.

“In some cases, (the scam artists) use the information to commit identity theft.”

Donna Miles
Consumer and Business Education



Practice *makes* Perfect

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A long whistle sounds, followed by an explosion on the northern corner of Luke as everyone in the area dives for cover.

This was the scene at the base ability to survive and operate or ATSO training area last week when Team Luke members set up and lived in a bare base in a simulated combat zone for two days.

The Thunderbolts participating in the exercise set up many of the amenities of a normal base amidst rain, unexploded ordnance, snipers and simulated chemical warfare attacks.

It took squadrons and people from around the wing to make the exercise happen.

The 56th Services Squadron supplied hot meals prepared in a mobility kitchen and even showed a movie after hours.

The 56th Comptroller Squadron was available to work pay issues

and provide funds for purchases. In addition the 56th Contracting Squadron was there to make purchases.

"We're here to provide supplies and services to the commander in a contingency location," said Staff Sgt. Tom Bonner, 56th CONS specialist.

The deployed chaplain even held a memorial service for the 17 seaman who died on the USS Cole.

The 56th Civil Engineering Squadron provided readiness information and fire protection as they do at stateside bases. They also performed rapid runway repair and responded to facility damage, in addition to providing explosive ordnance disposal support.

All of this training helps prepare Luke people for deployment to forward locations around the world. At this time Luke members are deployed to both Southwest Asia and Operation Northern Watch and other locations worldwide.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

An airman checks the input card of an injured person during the exercise.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Senior Airman Joshua Shea, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal specialist, evaluates an unexploded ordnance.



Airman 1st Class Delvin Barnes

Senior Airman John Muehlhausen, a security forces sentry, loads an M-16 magazine in preparation of guarding the base.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brian Bell and Tech. Sgt. Kurt Weilbaecher, 56th Contracting Squadron, get their identification cards checked as they process through the deployment line.



Airman 1st Class Delvin Barnes

Col. Ian O'Connell, 56th Support Group deputy commander, addresses the troops.

56th SFS offers Halloween safety tips

Team Luke’s little ghosts, goblins, clowns and other Halloween creations can Trick or Treat in family housing Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Families from the local community must enter Saguaro Manor from Thunderbird Avenue and Octillo Manor at the Lalomai entrance on Glendale Avenue. All other housing entrances are closed.

Families should park at the commissary. Parking is prohibited along Glendale Avenue.

The 56th Security Forces Squadron recommends the following safety tips:

- ♦ Children’s costumes should be fire resistant including hats, wigs, beards and masks.
- ♦ Masks should have large eye and nostril openings to allow unobstructed vision and breathing.
- ♦ Costumes should not hang over feet or present a tripping hazard.
- ♦ Costumes should be decorated with reflective tape.
- ♦ Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be made of soft, flexible material.
- ♦ An adult should accompany young children.
- ♦ Children should stay on sidewalks and not walk in yards or on the street.
- ♦ Only visit homes that have the porch light on.
- ♦ Children should not enter any homes without a parent or guardian.
- ♦ Children should have a parent or guardian inspect all candy.

“We want this to be a safe and fun Halloween for everyone,” said Master Sgt. Tony Sawyer, 56th SFS administration and support superintendent. “A little common sense and parental involvement can go a long way to making it an enjoyable evening.”

For more information, call 856-6293. (Courtesy of 56th SFS)



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus
Master Sgt. Bill Hunsaker, 56th Component Repair Squadron, and his daughter, Amy, set up a “Pirate’s Cove” Halloween display at their home in family housing. Hunsaker’s display can be seen on Mohave.

Airman Leadership School graduates 34 Luke members

Luke Airman Leadership School graduated 34 senior airmen Tuesday from Class 00-7.

Senior Airman Thomas Lauwers, 56th Component Repair Squadron, earned the John Levitow and academic excellence awards.

The distinguished graduate award went to Senior Airman Chadwick Below, 56th Medical Support Squadron, and Senior Airman Theresa Shannon, 56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Senior Airman Shannon Galloway, 310th Fighter Squadron, received the leadership award and is the Falcon Seminar leader.

Senior Airman Timothy Thompson, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, is the Eagle Seminar class leader.

The Phantom Seminar class leader is Senior Airman Paul Davis, 310th FS.

Senior Airman Jenny McAtee, 56th Operations Support Squadron was the Class 00-7 acting first sergeant.

The other graduates were:

Eagle Seminar

- ♦Demetrius Booker, 56th MDSS
- ♦Marshall Fuller, 63rd Fighter Squadron
- ♦Patrick Gray, 56th OSS



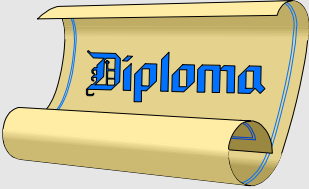
- ♦Carlton Greene, 310th FS
- ♦Gordon Ignacio, 56th Medical Operations Squadron
- ♦Robert King, 62nd Fighter Squadron
- ♦Stephen Powers, 56th EMS
- ♦Lester Smith, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron
- ♦Michael Williams, 21st Fighter Squadron
- ♦Caroline Wood, 56th OSS

Falcon Seminar

- ♦Todd Cantrall, 21st FS
- ♦Joshua Cruz, 56th CRS
- ♦Bryant Daniels, 56th Supply Squadron
- ♦Samuel Hoeft, 56th EMS
- ♦Fredrick Little, 56th OSS
- ♦Wendy Neuy, 56th SUPS
- ♦Brian Nicolaisen, 56th CRS
- ♦Tracy Piko, 56th OSS
- ♦Joseph Rohde, 62nd FS
- ♦Valerie Vasquez, 56th MDOS
- ♦Kevin Walker, 56th CES

Phantom Seminar

- ♦Fred Bezonias, 56th EMS
- ♦Michael Cowhey, 56th OSS
- ♦Jeffery Lee, 309th Fighter Squadron
- ♦Brian Ogram, 56th Communications Squadron
- ♦Yolanda Rogers, 56th MDSS
- ♦Michael White, 21st FS
- ♦Alec Zolper, 56th SUPS



308th Fighter Squadron Knights B-course grads

More than a dozen Team Luke student pilots from the 308th Fighter Squadron basic course graduated Saturday from Class 01-ABG.

The outstanding graduate, distinguished graduate, air-to-air top gun and right stuff award winner is 1st Lt. Mark Orek, whose follow-on assignment is to Misawa Air Base, Japan.

Other distinguished graduates are 1st Lt. Sean Holahan, assigned to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and 1st Lt. Jeffery Kennedy, assigned to Osan Air Base, Korea.

The top academic graduate is 1st Lt. Trena Emerson, whose follow-on assignment is Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

The Turkey Shoot award winner is 1st Lt. Bradley Klemesrud, assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

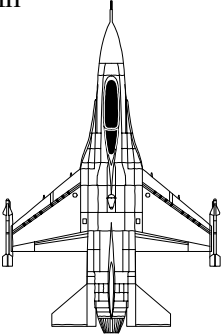
The air-to-ground top gun award winner is 1st Lt. Joshua Armey, whose follow-on assignment is Kunsan Air Base, Korea.

The Daedalian leadership award winner is 1st Lt. Kieth Gempler, assigned to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

The outstanding officer award winner is 1st Lt. Chad Lewis, whose follow-on assignment is Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

Other 308th FS graduates and their follow-on assignments include:

- ♦ 1st Lt. David Deangelis, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
- ♦ 1st Lt. Erik Fiederer, Kunsan
- ♦ 1st Lt. Daniel Leung, Hill
- ♦ 1st Lt. David Nance, Aviano Air Base, Italy
- ♦ 1st Lt. Ryan Savageau, Cannon
- ♦ 1st Lt. Ronald Sloma, Misawa
- ♦ 1st Lt. Ryan Wierzbowski, Osan
- ♦ 1st Lt. Thomas Wolfe, Shaw



Chapel News

Worship schedule

Services are at the Luke Community Chapel unless otherwise noted. The following is Luke’s worship schedule:

- Protestant worship
- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m.
 - ♦ Gospel service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
 - ♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m.
 - ♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m.

- Catholic worship
- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m.
 - ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
 - ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon.

For more information on these or other chapel programs, call 856-6211.

Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost for children 11 and under is \$1.25; adults pay \$2.50.



Today and Saturday

“Kings of Comedy” (R)
Stars Bernie Mac, Cedric the Entertainer, D.L. Hughley and Steve Harvey. This documentary was filmed at the Charlotte, N.C. Colleseum. Spike Lee captures the spirit of the “Kings of Comedy” tour, focusing on stand-up geniuses Harvey, Cedric The Entertainer, Hughley and Mac. The

tour began in 1997 and has since grown in scope and popularity to its present status as one of the highest-grossing and most highly lauded black comedy shows. (115 minutes)



Sunday

“Bait” (R)
Stars Jamie Foxx, David Morse, Doug Hutchinson, Megan Dodds, Jeffrey Donovan. Foxx stars as Alvin Sanders, a petty thief serving jail time after he is caught stealing prawns from a seafood warehouse. His cellmate pulled off a miraculous heist at the Federal Gold Reserve and just before dying of a heart attack, gives Alvin vague instructions which may reveal

the location of the stolen gold. A Treasury Department chief investigator secretly implants a tracking device into Alvin’s jaw and releases him from prison. When Alvin reunites with his girlfriend, he learns that he now has a son. In order to save his family, Alvin must help locate the gold. (119 minutes)



Nov. 3

“The Watcher” (R)
Stars Keanu Reeves and James Spader. Spader plays Joel Campbell, an ex-police detective who has relocated to Chicago in order to escape his past. A serial killer with an attachment to Campbell lures him into a deadly game of cat and mouse. (97 minutes)

Salutes

Quarterly award winners

Air Force Research Laboratory
The following AFRL people are their quarterly award winners:
Company grade officer: Capt. Greg Sidor
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Mitch Zamba

56th Support Group
The following 56th Support Group people are the group's quarterly award winners:
Company grade officer:
2nd Lt. Matthew Bender
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Anthony Michels
NCO: Staff Sgt. Daryl Steck
Airman: Senior Airman Brian Jolly
Civilian, GS-7 and above: Sheryl McClure
Civilian, GS-6 and below: Scott Hanson
Civilian, wage grade: Jesse Schroeder

Combined Federal Campaign

More than 2,100 Team Luke members donated approximately \$207,000 to the Combined Federal Campaign, reaching a 35-percent participation rate.

Supply/Fuels “Rodeo”

The 56th Supply, Transportation and 21st Fighter Squadrons won first place in the fitness relay at the Supply Fuels “Rodeo” competition at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Artist Craftsmen award

“Somewhere in the Jungle” by David Kowalski is the first place award winner in the fine art category of the wing artist craftsmen contest.



Around Base

American Red Cross

- ♦ There is a cardio pulmonary resuscitation instructor class Nov. 7 and 9 at 6 p.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. The cost is \$225.
 - ♦ There is a child CPR and first aid class Nov. 4 at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. The cost is \$22.
 - ♦ There is a new volunteer orientation class Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064.
- To register for classes or for more information, call 856-7823.

PIR volunteers

The Red Cross seeks 30 volunteers to assist handicapped people Thursday through Nov. 4 at Phoenix International Raceway. Volunteers work a five-hour morning or afternoon shift. For more information, call 856-7823.

Chapel events

- ♦ There is a free outdoor concert featuring contemporary Christian music Sunday at 6 p.m. at Fowler Park. Please bring blankets or chairs.
 - ♦ As an alternative to Halloween, the Luke Community Chapel has Hallelujah Night with fun, food and games Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. No costumes please.
- For more information on these and other chapel programs, call 856-6211.

Glendale airshow

There is a “Wings Over Arizona” airshow Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Glendale Municipal Airport. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and younger. Children 4 and younger are free. For more information, call (602) 222-8622.

Haunted house volunteers

The youth center seeks volunteers to be actors or escorts for a haunted house and Trick or Treat Street Today. For more information, call 856-7470.

Cooking demonstration

The health and wellness center has an Italian cooking demonstration today at noon. For more information, call 856-3778.

Rio Salado College

Registration for Rio Salado's Fall II term is underway. Academic advisors are available by appointment each Monday through Thursday. Placement testing for reading, math and English is each Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Thursday at 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, take a placement test or for more information, call 856-3239.

Hawaiian vacation

Outdoor recreation has a Hawaiian vacation adventure from Dec. 4 to 13. The cost is \$1,000 per person and includes round trip transportation from Luke, meals, nine-days lodging at the Kileau military camp, a scenic island tour, wilderness hike, snorkling, deep-sea fishing and a submarine tour. A \$100 deposit is required and final payment is due Thursday. For more information, call 856-9334 or 856-6267.

Band competition

There is a marching band competition Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. at Peoria High School, 11200 N. 83rd Ave. The competition features marching bands from more than 20 area high schools. For more information, call Betsy Scheafer at 878-1168 or (602) 274-9818 ext. 2565.

TRICARE benefits

TRICARE beneficiaries with questions regarding their benefits should call Tech. Sgt. Daniel Borkowski, 56th Medical Group counseling and assistance coordinator, at 856-9100. For cases that have been turned over to a collection agency, TRICARE beneficiaries should call Tech. Sgt. Bart Scherack, 56th MDG debt collection assistance coordinator, at 856-3372.

Women’s memorial

Hundreds celebrate third anniversary

By 2nd Lt. Sarah McGuane
11th Wing Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Hundreds of friends and families gathered at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial to celebrate the third anniversary of the memorial Oct. 15.

The foundation’s president, retired Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, hosted the affair at the memorial, located at Arlington National Cemetery.

After the presentation of the colors, an invocation and a moment of silence for the USS Cole victims was observed, several gifts were presented to the memorial.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Susan Kilrain, an astronaut, also presented a space shuttle mission display to the memorial. Kilrain recalled how the efforts of women before her, to enter pilot training, fly F-14 Tomcats and enter test pilot school allowed her to get to

the point where she is today.

“I am lucky to have been born in this time. Just in the nick of time, doors opened before me,” Kilrain said.

She presented a collage featuring a pin from the Women in Military Service for America Memorial and an American flag that had been flown on a space mission with the first woman commander of the space shuttle, Air Force Col. Eileen Collins.

Chair plaques on the backs of the chairs at the Memorial theatre were also unveiled, and many who had plaques honoring them were present and recognized. Flag flanges for state flags in the Hall of Honor and a bench plaque were also presented to the Memorial.

Retired Brig. Gen. Diann Hale-O’Connor, former chief of the Air Force Nurse Corps, said, “It is very nice to be able to come here, and it’s an honor to be here with a lot of the women who were pioneers. What they did for us, and the groundwork they laid will not be repeated. It can never be duplicated.”



Air Force photo
Retired Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught helps Navy Lt. Comdr. Susan Kilrain, unveil the Space Shuttle Mission Display collage. Kilrain, a Navy astronaut, made the artwork presentation on behalf of Col. Eileen Collins who is also an astronaut .



Football

New Mexico Lobos upset USAFA Falcons

By Dave Kellogg
U.S. Air Force Academy Athletic Department

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) — The U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons let one get away following their 29-23 loss to New Mexico before more than 40,000 fans in Falcon Stadium. The Lobos came into the game an 11.5-point underdog with a 3-4 overall record. It was the first time New Mexico had won in Falcon Stadium since 1982.

“What happened in the first half, I really don’t have an answer for,” said Falcon Coach Fisher DeBerry. “We got beat in every phase of the game in the first half. We made every mistake you could make on offense, on defense and in the kicking game in the first half.”

The Lobo defense forced Air Force to punt on its first four possessions without gaining a first down. A six-yard touchdown run by Falcon quarterback Mike Thiessen on the fifth possession in the second quarter was the only bright spot in the first half. But by then, Air Force trailed 17- 7.

The Lobos scored on their first possession of the game. The seven-play, 67-yard drive took only 1:58 to march through the Falcons’ defense. During the next series, New Mexico blocked an Air Force punt and returned it 19 yards for another score.

Air Force’s touchdown in the first half gave their defensive teammates new life. They held New Mexico to three plays for minus six yards to force a punt. But Air Force’s Leotis Palmer fumbled the punt on New Mexico’s 34 yardline. The Lobos took advantage of the turnover and went 66 yards in five plays to make it 23 - 7.

At the half, Air Force had just five first downs to New Mexico’s 14 and just 125 yards in total offense to the Lobos’ 325 yards.

“That was as poor a half of football as I can ever remember since I have been the head coach here and I take

full responsibility for that,” is how DeBerry summed up his team’s play.

The second half didn’t start much better for Air Force. New Mexico took the second half kickoff and went 70 yards on 11 plays, with Ted Iacenda capping the drive with a two-yard touchdown run to make it 29-7. Air Force was forced to punt on their first possession after just three plays.

“In the second half, I tried to impress upon the team how crucial the first possession was ... we didn’t stop them, and we went three and out to start the second half,” DeBerry said. “I thought that set the tone for the game and the second half.”

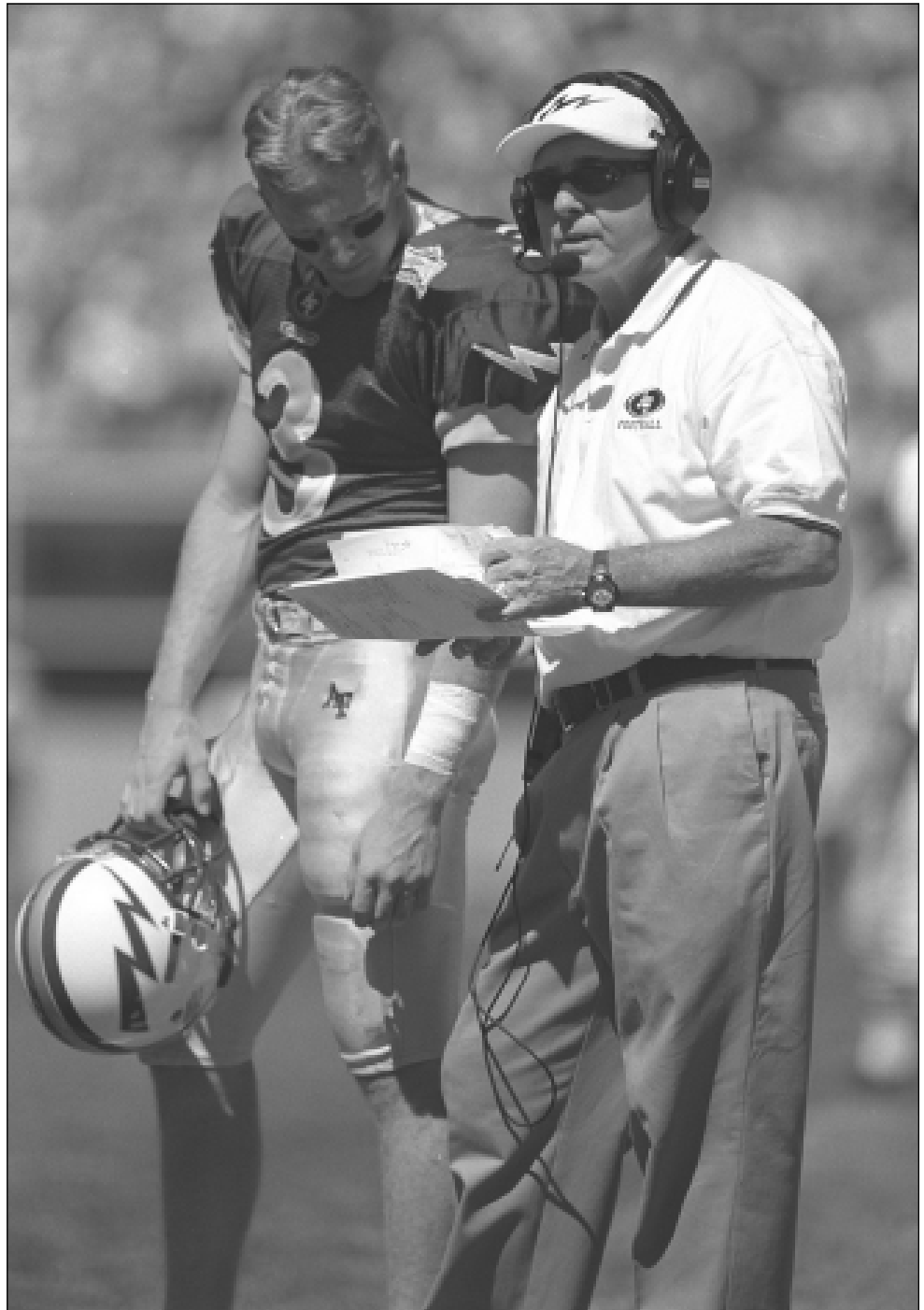
The Falcon offense finally got on track late in the third quarter as Thiessen engineered an 11-play, 77-yard drive that ended with a fumble by Thiessen on New Mexico’s three-yard line. The Falcons scored on three of their last four possessions of the game. Thiessen scored the final touchdown on a five-yard run with just 1:49 left in the game. A failed on-side kick by the Falcons allowed the Lobos to run out the game clock.

New Mexico coach Rocky Long took the upset victory in stride.

“It’s a big win for us because we are still in the conference race (2-1 league record). Other than that, I don’t think it’s a bigger win than any other,” Long said. “We are establishing a good rivalry with Air Force. I have the utmost respect for Coach DeBerry and what he does with his team. I have been coaching in college for 27 years and, they are as well coached as I’ve ever played against.”

It doesn’t get easier for the Falcons. They travel to South Bend, Ind. Saturday to face 19th-ranked Notre Dame.

The last time the two teams met, the Falcons came away with a 20-17 overtime win in South Bend in 1996. The victory broke an eight-game Irish winning streak over Air Force. Notre Dame leads this series 19-5.



Courtesy photo
Falcons coach Fisher DeBerry talks with starting quarterback Mike Thiessen during a recent game.

Sports Shorts

Youth basketball

The youth winter basketball league registration begins Nov. 1 at the youth center. The league, for ages 6 to 12, costs \$25 per person. Birth certificates are required for verification of age. For more information, call 856-7470.

Sports field maintenance

The base football and softball fields are closed for two weeks for overseeding and maintenance. People are asked to stay off the fields until further notice.

Varsity volleyball tryouts

The varsity volleyball team has tryouts Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the fitness center. For more information, call Gary Pierce at 322-3119.

Hunting, fishing licenses

Beginning Dec. 31, outdoor recreation no longer sells hunting and fishing licenses. For more information on where to purchase licenses, call 856-9334.

Aerobic center hours

The aerobic and Nautilus center at the health and wellness center is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 856-3247.

Falcon Dunes Golf Course rules

Active-duty members may reserve tee-times seven days in advance and retirees and Defense Department civilians five days in advance. Steel spikes and cut-off shorts are not permitted. A collared shirt is required.

Varsity B-ball ...



Senior Airman Beth Krichbaum
Closely-guarded Deron Hudson passes the ball to Jerry Martinez for a layup in tight traffic Tuesday during a varsity basketball practice.

NASCAR

Air Force sponsors new ride for Winston Cup, diplays logo on car



Lt. Gen. David McIlvoy, AETC vice commander, climbs into the Wood Brothers Racing car No. 21 with its 2001 colors, at Concord Motor Speedway, N.C. Driver Elliott Sadler takes him for a few laps around the speedway.

By Tech. Sgt. George F. Jozens
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

NASCAR returns to the Phoenix Valley Nov. 2-5 just as the Air Force joins forces with a Winston Cup team for the 2001 season.

The NASCAR teams begin their work at Phoenix International Raceway Nov. 2. Teams qualify Nov. 3 for the NASCAR Winston Cup Series Checker Auto Parts / DURA LUBE 500, which starts Nov. 5 at noon for the 312 laps making up the 500-kilometer race.

PIR offers free military admission Thursday.

The U.S. Air Force recently announced in Concord, N.C., it will advertise on the Wood Brothers Racing car No. 21 Taurus, driven by Elliott Sadler and sponsored by Motorcraft Quality Parts, for the 2001 NASCAR Winston Cup racing season.

The Air Force looked to NASCAR as a new advertising opportunity in its recruiting, retention and public awareness efforts.

"NASCAR is presently the fastest growing spectator sport in America, and the tie with the Air Force is natural," said Col. Marianne Roger, AF Recruiting Squadron marketing chief.

NASCAR has fast cars, drivers, crew chiefs and pit crews, all necessary for a winning team.

"The Air Force will recruit more than 34,000 young people in fiscal year 2001 and has a great need for recruits with mechanical and electrical skills," Rogers said. "NASCAR races are where many of today's young people with those aptitudes spend their time."

Other events at PIR include NASCAR Featherlite Southwest racing series and NASCAR Busch racing series qualifying Thursday. The NASCAR Featherlite Southwest racing series 125 runs Nov. 3. The Outback Steakhouse 200 sponsored NASCAR Busch Series race is Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

